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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

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1. OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL1) TO EXERCISE THE MOST EFFECTIVE POSSIBLE CONTROL OVER THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS ACROSS ISRAEL'S BORDERS AND 2) TO COMBAT THE USE OF SUCH DRUGS WITHIN THE COUNTRY. . WE HAVE TRIED TO BE HELPFUL TO THE ISRAELIS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS BUT PARTICULARLY THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON NARCOTICS CASES.

2. OUR MAJOR EFFORT OVER THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN IN HELPING THE ISRAEL NATIONAL POLICE(INP) IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. TOWARD THIS END WE HAVE:

A. ARRANGED FOR THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION(DEA), ANKARA AND THE REGIONAL HEAD, U.S. CUSTOMS, ROME TO COME TO ISRAEL FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH INP OFFICIALS.

B. RENDERED SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE INP COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT TO THE INP INSPECTOR GENERAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NARCOTICS

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CONTROL UNITS AT INP HEADQUARTERS AND AT THE FIELD LEVEL.

C. ARRANGED FOR A DEA INTELLIGENCE TRAINING DIVISION TEAM TO COME TO ISRAEL IN MARCH-APRIL 1974 TO CONDUCT A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL THREE WEEK COURSE ON DRUG INVESTIGATIONS FOR INP OFFICIALS.

D. ASSISTED IN THE SELECTION OF AN INP OFFICIAL TO ATTEND THE TEN WEEK DEA TRAINING PROGRAM THAT COMMENCED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AT THE END OF APRIL 1974.

E. ARRANGED FOR A VISIT TO ISRAEL IN FEBRUARY 1975 OF A U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE TO CONDUCT TWO TEN DAY TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ISRAELI CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

F. SUPPLIED THE INP WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE MATERIALS ON NARCOTICS CONTROL THAT HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO US BY THE DEA.

3. THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO HANDLE NUMEROUS NARCOTICS CASES INVOLVING THE INP AND THE DEA AND PROVIDES A CHANNEL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON SUCH CASES. A NOTEWORTHY EXAMPLE IS OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE INP IN DEVELOPING PERTINENT DATA ON TWO PRIME SUSPECTS IN THE CASE OF THE RECENT SEIZURE BY THE INP OF 345 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH. AT OUR REQUEST EUROPEAN POSTS AND OTTAWA ARE CHECKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. WE HAVE ALSO PUT THE DEA IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE INP ON THIS MATTER.

4. THE TEL AVIV DRUG ABUSE REHABILITATION CENTER, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN ISRAEL, IS EXPECTED TO OPEN SHORTLY AND THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN TRYING TO HELP THE DIRECTOR BY PUTTING HIM IN TOUCH WITH U.S. AGENCIES ABLE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH FILMS, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND OTHER AIDS. WE ALSO BROUGHT HIM IN CONTACT RECENTLY WITH A CONSULTANT FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE ABROAD WHO WAS IN ISRAEL ON A TRIP SPONSORED BY THE WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. IN THESE AND OTHER WAYS WE ARE TRYING TO ASSIST THIS NEW PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH THE REHABILITATION OF ADDICTS BUT ALSO WITH PREVENTION AND TREATMENT.

5. THE EMBASSY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE NEA NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI IN NOVEMBER AND WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE CONSUL GENERAL, HARLAND H. EASTMAN.

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